

Appl. No. 10/767,276
Amdt. dated March 1, 2005
Reply to Office action of January 27, 2005

REMARKS

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 27, 2005. The Examiner requires an election between Group I, Claims 1-27, drawn to a method, classified in class 438, subclass 633, or Group II, Claims 28-41, drawn to a device, classified in class 257, subclass 754.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-27, drawn to a method, classified in class 438, subclass 633. This election is made without traverse. Claims 28 to 41 are hereby canceled without prejudice.

Claim 1 is amended to delete the sputtering step, which is now incorporated in new claim 42.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this communication to deposit account **04-1679**.

Respectfully submitted,

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